The 1956 Bear

Proudly We Present

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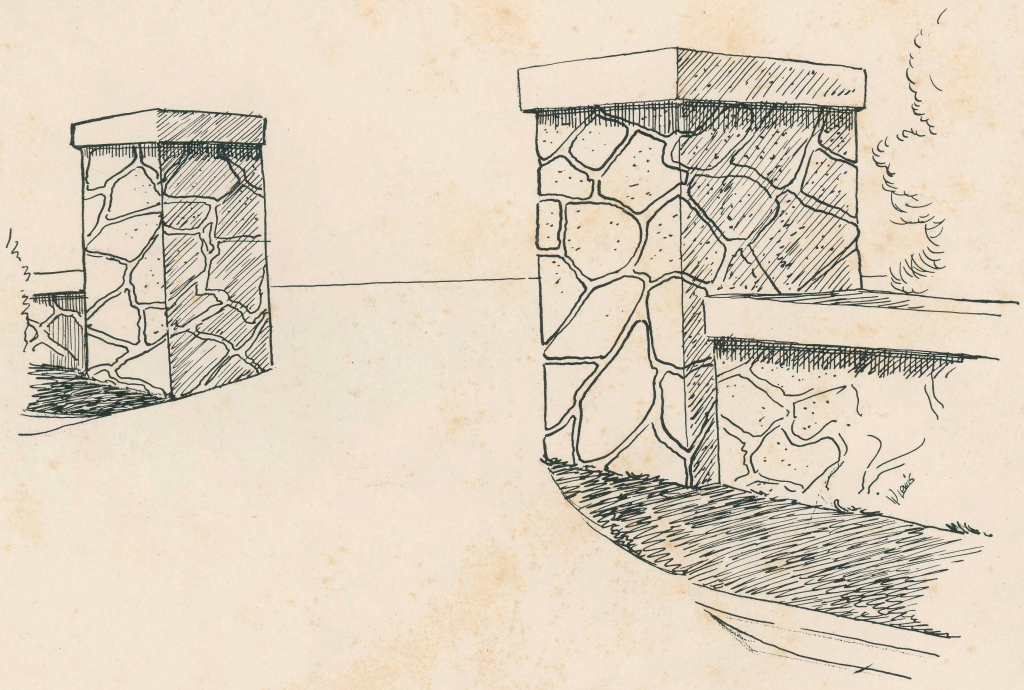
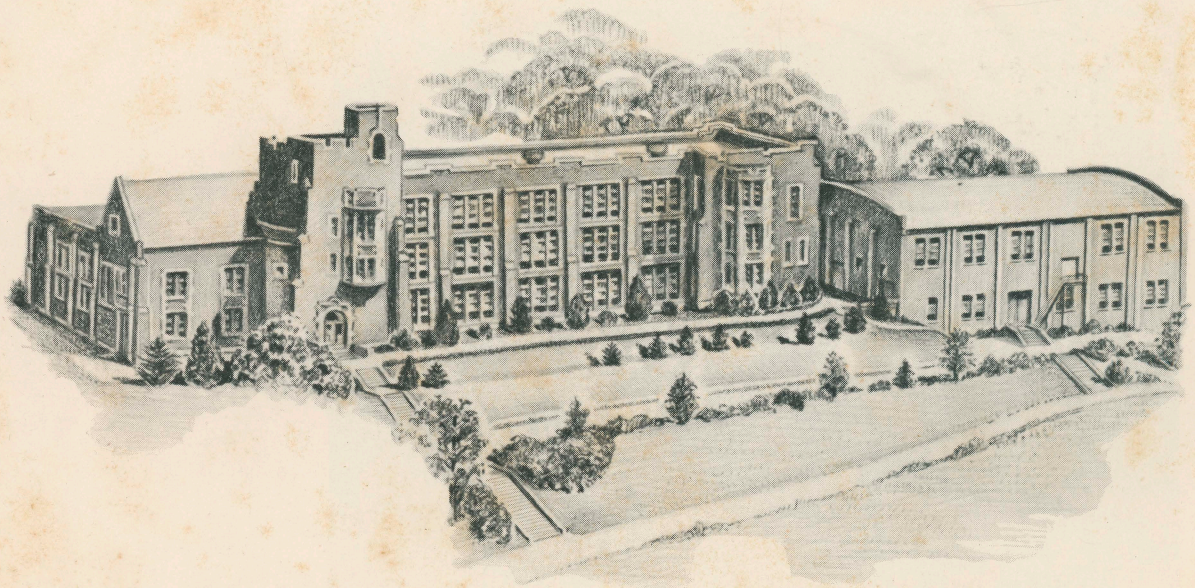


The 1956 Bear

and for The Students
of Stephens-Lee High School
in Asheville, North Carolina



Impressive

Are the Doors Through Which
Each June Many Graduates
Go Forth to Begin New
Lives in a World of New
and Challenging Opportunities

Inspirational

Have Been the Assemblies and Student Meetings we Have Attended During the Year, Which Give Practice in Democratic Living

Exciting

Has Been the Competitive Spirit Exhibited at All Games and Other Events During the Year

Gala

Have Been the Social Events Which Help to Develop Socially Mature Students in Preparation For Adulthood

The Queen and Her Court

Left to Right Barbara Blakely—Attendant; Violetha Ervin—"Queen of the Gridiron"; Shirley Clemmons—Attendant.

Gratefully

We Dedicate The 1956 Bear to Dr. Arthur V. Linden of Teachers College, Columbia Uuiversity, who has, for the Past Fourteen Years, Given so Unselfishly of his Time and Interest in an Effort to Help to Develop a Unique Program of Education for the Students of this School.

In This, Our Book,

We Have Endeavored in Words and Pictures to Show How . . .

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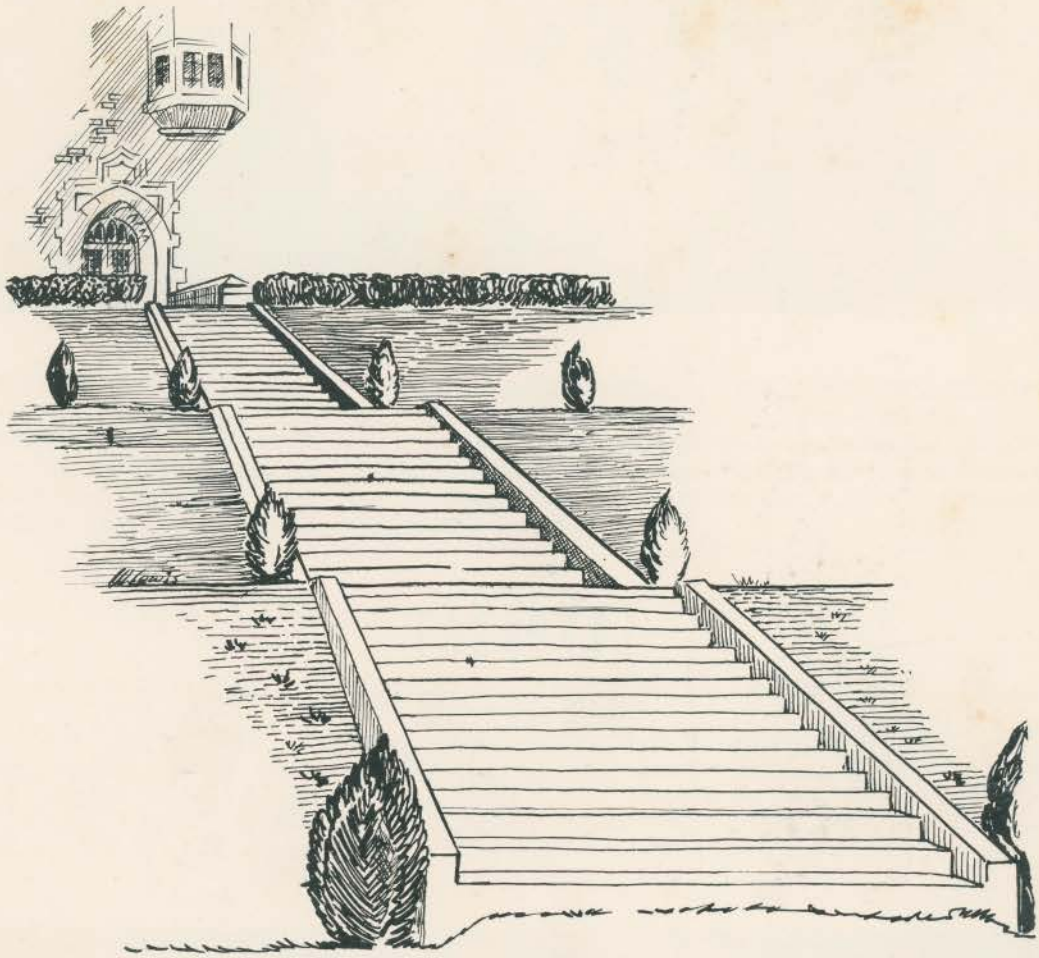
PRINCIPAL

Frank A. Toliver

A. B., Atlanta University; M. A., University of Michigan



We Are Instructed

MRS. ELIZABETH W. BOLDEN
Typing and Shorthand
N. C. College at Durham, B.S. in Commerce.

MRS. FREIDA BURTON
Home Economics
Bennett College, B.S.; Further Study: Virginia State College; N. C. College at Durham: and Teachers College, Columbia University.

MR. LONNIE D. BURTON
Library Service
A. and T. College, B.S.; North Carolina College at Durham, B.L.S.; Further Study: Columbia University.

FACULTY

MRS. LUCILLE P. BURTON
Core I
Spellman College, A.B.; Atlanta University, Hampton Institute, Teachers College.
Columbia University, M. A.

MRS. RUTH CAROLINA
English and Core II
Wilberforce University, A. B.; Teachers College, Columbia University, M.A.; Further Study: Ohio State University.

MISS KATHERINE CHAPPELLE
Physical Education
Miner Teachers College, Diploma; A. and T. College,, A.B.; Teachers College, Columbia University, M.A. in Physical Education.

MR. VERNON D. COWAN
Chemistry, Physics, Core III
Wilberforce University, B. S.; Ohio State University, M. A.; Further Study: Teachers College Columbia University.

MR. WILBUR DERR
Core I, Occupational Guidance, and Bookkeeping.
A. and T. College, B.S.; Further Study: New York University School of Business Administration.

MR. JOHN A. DUSENBURY
French and Core III
Johnson C. Smith University, A. B.; Further Study: Cornell University.

FACULTY

MR. ERNEST L. FAIR
Core I, Mathematics, and Algebra
A. and T. College, B.S.; New York University, M.S.; Further Study: New York University.

MRS. ELYNORA M. FOSTER
Core I and Core II
Wilberforce University, A. B.; Howard University, M. A. in American History; Columbia University, M.A.

MR. LACY T. HAITH
Carpentry and Cabinet Making
A. and T. College, B.S.; University of Michigan, M.A.; Further Study: Ohio State University, Columbia University.

MRS. JULIA R. HALL
General Science, Biology and Core II
Talladega College, A.B.

MISS LUCY M. HARRISON
Core I and Core II
Fisk University, A. B.; Miami University, M.A.; Further Study: University of Minnesota.

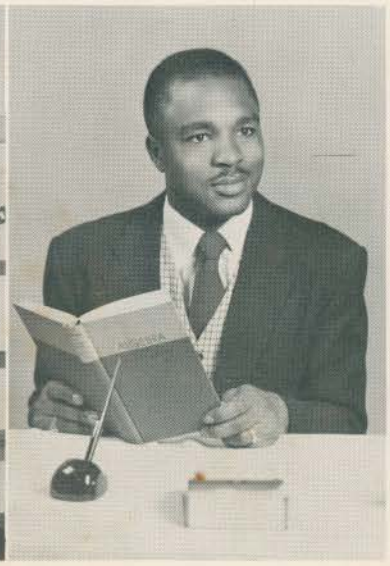
MR. MADISON C. LENNON
Band
Wilberforce University, B. S.; Ohio State University, M. A. in Music Ed.; Further Study: Teachers College, Columbia University, Professional Diploma in Music.

FACULTY

MRS. LILLIE D. LEWIS
Spanish and Core III
Talladega College, A.B.; Further Study: City College of New York.

MR. WALTER H. LEWIS
Core III and Art
A. and T. College, B.S.; Further Study: University of Washington.

MR. REESE MASSEY
Mathematics and Science
North Carolina College at Durham, B.S.



MR. CLARENCE L. MOORE
Biology, Chemistry, and Drivers Education
Shaw University, B.S.; Further Study: University of Wisconsin; A. and T. College.

MISS GLADYS I. PIERCE
Core I and II
Shaw University, A.B.; University of Illinois, M.A. in Teaching of Social Studies.

MRS. OLLIE M. REYNOLDS
Music
Tallageda College, Mus. B.; Teachers College, Columbia University, M.A. in Music Education.

FACULTY

MISS MYRTLE J. RUMLEY
Core III and Teacher Counselor
Shaw University, B.S.; University of Michigan, M.A.; Teachers College, Columbia University.

MRS. ANNE P. TOLIVER
English, Dramatics, and Speech
Clark University, A.B.; Pennsylvania State University, M.A. in English Literature; Teachers College, Columbia University, Professional Diploma in Dramatics and Speech.

MR. RAYMOND E. WASHINGTON
Physical Education
Johnson C. Smith University,B.S.

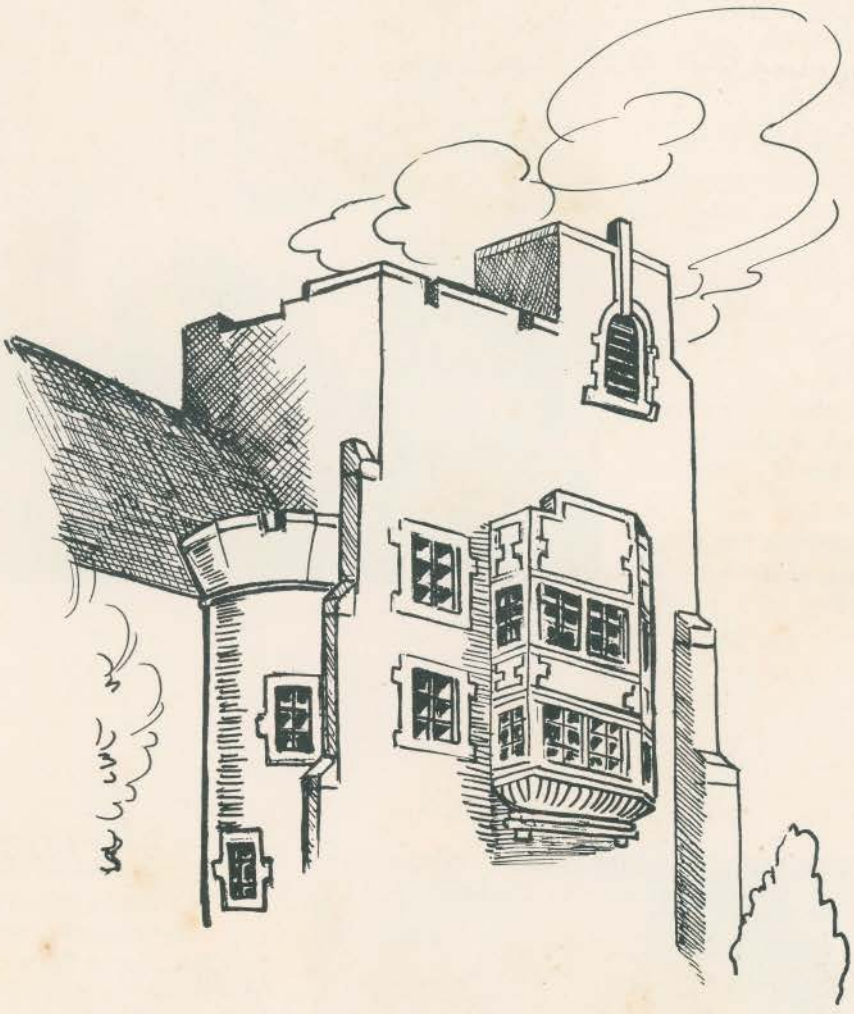
MRS. EVELYN W. WILLIAMS
Home Economics and Tailoring
Tuskegee Institute, B.S.; Teachers College, Columbia University, M.A. in Clothing and Textiles.

Teachers Meet Monthly to Study Educational Problems

The third Wednesday night in each month brings together the faculty of the school in monthly professional teachers' meeting. This in-service-education program is planned for the purpose of applying the current thinking in educational circles to immediate school problems.

The most interesting meetings, perhaps, centered around guidance techniques for discovering pupil problems and suggestions for creating a school climate in which pupils may be able to understand themselves better.

Reading Clockwise: W. H. Derr, M. C. Lennon, L. T. Haith, M. J. Rumley, F. S. Burton, W. H. Lewis, R. C. Carolina, L. D. Burton, A. P. Toliver, L. Burton, V. D. Cowan, L. D. Lewis, R. Washington, O. M. Reynolds, E. M. Foster, C. L. Moore, E. W. Bolden, L. M. Harrison, R. Massey, and E. W. Williams. Not present for picture — Principal Toliver, J. A. Dusenbury, K. Chappelle, E. L. Fair, J. Hall, G. I. Pierce.



Here We Learn . . .

LOUIS CHANDLER BAIRD
Musical, friendly
Band
Air Force

PATRICIA LEE BARNARD
Courteous, dependable
Art Club
Religious Education Teacher

MATTIE OTHELLA BLUE
Moody, quiet
Camera Club
Beautician

BETTY JO ANN BOWMAN
Friendly, quiet, shy
Y.-Teen and Literary Club
Elementary Teacher

CHARLES FURMAN BRATTON
Honest, obedient, friendly
SKYLIGHTER Staff
Electrical Engineer

CATHERINE LOUISE BROWN
Pleasant, polite
Secretary

1956

CLYDE EXZIRTIST BURGIN
Friendly, dependable
Art Club, Varsity Club
Pilot in the Air Force

MARY LOUISE BURTON
Friendly, quiet, shy
Y-Teen Club
Beautician

HILBERT BYERS
Loyal, trustworthy, friendly
Student Council, Glee Club, Crown & Scepter, Yearbook Staff, French Club, Varsity Club
Surgeon

FRANK CHARLES BYNUM
Friendly, talkative

SUSIE MAE CARTER
Friendly, pleasant
Private Secretary

JEANETTE CECILIA CHAPMAN
Friendly, talkative
Glee Club, SKYLIGHTER Staff, French Club
Secretary

WILLIAM CARL CLARK
Quiet, friendly
SKYLIGHTER Staff, Senior Heights, Varsity Club, Yearbook Staff
Professional Baseball Player

MELVIN LEE CLEMMONS
Cooperative, athletic, quiet
Y. M. C .A.
Armed Forces

SHIRLEY ANNE CLEMMONS
Self-confident, friendly
SKYLIGHTER Staff, Crown & Scepter Club
Elementary School Teacher

WILLIAM HENRY COPNEY
Humorous, amusing
Dance Group
Physical Education Instructor

JOHNNIE CROUCH
Neat, athletic
Varsity Club, Senior Heights
Professional Baseball Player

EARLE DAVIS
Accommodating, polite
Camera Club
Florist

Seniors

KENNETH DILLARD
Businesslike, dependable, ambitious
French Club, Dramatics Club
U. S. Army or Criminologist

OSIE JEAN DILLINGHAM
Petite, modest
Crown & Scepter, N. H. A., French Club
Beautician or Seamstress

KATHLEEN LORRAINE DIXON
Dependable, friendly, talkative
Dance Club, Y-Teen, Red Cross, Office Staff
Nurse

LEONARD ROOSEVELT DOBBS
Quiet, serious
Glee Club
Armed Forces

PRESTON DORSEY
Athletic, dependable
Varsity Club
Baseball

DORIS JEAN DUNCAN
Stylish, musical, dramatical
Dramatics Club, Glee Club, Band, French Club, Dance Group, Yearbook Staff
Operatic Concert Singer

CAROLYN JANICE DURANT
Happy, energetic, studious
French Club, Crown & Scepter, Glee Club, Dance Group, Senior Heights
Stenographer

WILLIAM EDWARD ENGLISH
Short
Band
Air Force

CORRINE EVANS
Friendly, pleasant, talkative
Glee Club, Girls' Basketball team
Nurse

DOLORES ROBERTA FINLEY
Talkative, friendly, studious
Crown & Scepter, French Club, Glee Club, Playmakers
Stenographer

BURNETTE MARIE FREEMAN
Talkative, inquisitive
French Club, Crown & Scepter, Glee Club
Registered Nurse

DOROTHY RUTH GAINES
Neat, friendly, cooperative
Glee Club, Dramatics Club, Crown & Scepter, Student Council
Registered Nurse

1956

MARCIA ALISON GARDENHIGHT
Loyal, friendly, ambitious
Crown & Scepter, Band, Spotlighter, Girls' Basketball Team
Home Economics Teacher

JOHN WASHINGTON GLOVER
Studious, friendly, quiet, shy
Spanish Club, Student Council, Crown & Scepter Club, Yearbook Staff
Engineer

IVA MAE GRAGG
Friendly, ambitious, dramatic
Spanish Club, Crown & Scepter, Dramatics Club, SKYLIGHTER Staff
Social Worker

ERNEST GRAY, JUNIOR
Courteous, quiet, cooperative, dependable
Spanish Club, Commercial Club, Literary Club, SKYLIGHTER and Yearbook Staff
Businessman

MARY ELIZABETH GREENE
Pleasing Personality, understanding
Girls' Basketball Team, Senior Club, Dance Group
Nurse

JOAN ANNIE GREENLEAF
Modest, generous, polite, courteous
Yearbook Staff, Crown & Scepter, Student Council, Band, Commercial Club, Literary Club
Elementary School Teacher

PATRICIA ELINOR GRIER
Witty, courteous
Student Council, SKYLIGHTER, Crown & Scepter, Glee Club, French Club, Commercial Club, Dramatics
High School Music Educator

DONALD EUGENE GRIFFIN
Courteous, neat, dependable
Trade Club
Armed Forces

CARRIE MAE GUDGER
Serious, ambitious
French Club, Art Club, Y-Teen
Registered Psychopathic Nurse

BARBARA LEE HADDEN
Friendly, talkative
Camera Club, N. H. A.
Personal Service

ROLAND HAGAN
Cordial, courteous
Glee Club, Crown & Scepter, Student Council, Dramatics Club, Commercial Club
Concert Singer

LILLIAN BELLE HAMMOND
Generous, modest
Band, Dance Group, Y-Teen, Glee Club
Dance or Voice

Seniors

FRANCES VIRGINIA HARLING
Talkative, ambitious
Dance, Crown & Scepter
Nurse

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HENDERSON
Courteous, athletic, polite
Student Council, Varsity Club, Dramatics, Yearbook Staff
Elementary School Teacher

MAXINE THEOPHIA HOLLOWAY
Friendly, talkative
Crown & Scepter, Dance Group, Band
Nurse

MARY ELLEN HOWARD
Talkative, ambitious
Crown & Scepter Club, Spotlighters, Yearbook Staff, SKYLIGHTER, Glee Club
Surgeon

EUGENE SAMUEL HUNTER
Athletic, intelligent, polite
Varsity Club, Senior Heights
Architectural Engineer

CLEOPHIA HYMES
Understanding, courteous
Basketball, French Club
Surgical Nurse

DAISY MAE INGRAM
Friendly, intelligent
Crown & Scepter, Band, Basketball, French Club, Senior Heights
Social Worker

ETHEL MAE JENKINS
Talkative, friendly
Y-Teen, N. H. A.
Beautician

ROBERT HALL JOHNSON
Modest, courteous, dependable
Playmakers, Audial Visual Aids, Camera Club, Yearbook Staff
Electronics Technician

JAMES EDWARD KING
Talkative, friendly
Camera Club, Library Club
Businessman

THEODORE LINTON
Cooperative, friendly
Varsity Club, Student Council, SKYLIGHTER Staff, Yearbook Staff, Senior Heights Club
Physical Education Teacher

ROSA LEE LITTLEJOHN
Loyal, modest, generous
Crown & Scepter
Secretary

1956

WILBUR JAMES LYTLE
Athletic
Varsity Club, Football, Baseball, Senior Heights
College Football Coach

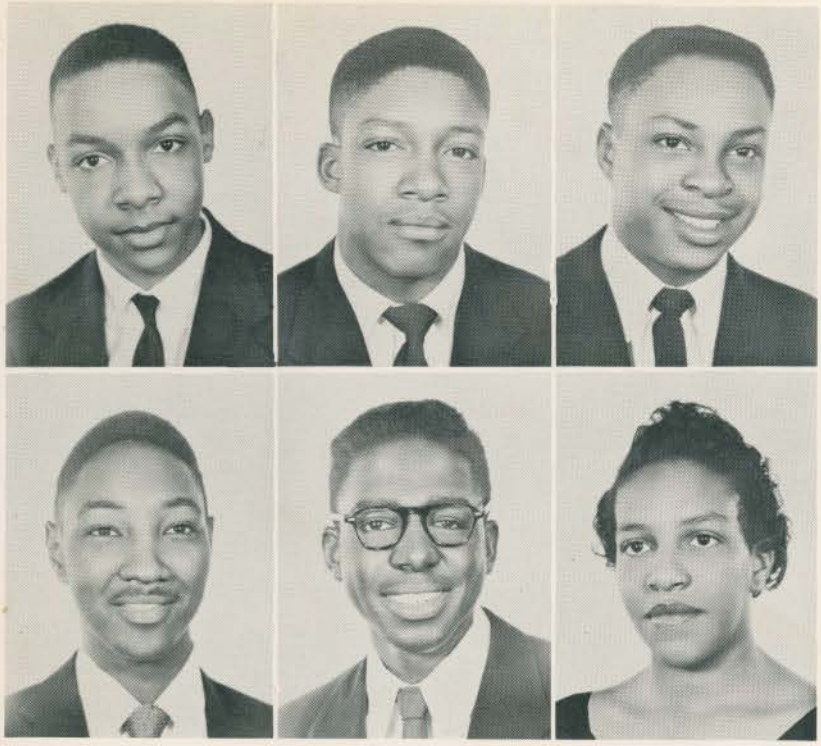
MAMIE JEAN MACHEN
Moody, modest, generous
Literary Club, Y-Teen
Nurse

WALLACE DAVIS MAPP
Friendly, cooperative
Interior Decorator

WILLIAM ALBERT MARSHALL
Friendly
Navy

EMIL MARTIN
Likeable, dependable
Yearbook Staff, SKYLIGHTER Staff, Band, Varsity Club, Senior Usher
Engineer

DRENNON PRESLEY MATTHEWS
Friendly
Air Force



SAMUEL MAXWELL
Artistic, generous, shy
Art Club, Yearbook Staff
Barber

HERMAN PRINGLE McADAMS
Quiet, shy
Camera Club, Art Club, Library Club
Mechanic

JACK REYNOLDS McADAMS
Friendly, generous, ambitious
SKYLIGHTER Staff, Yearbook Staff, Senior Usher
Social Worker

CLARENCE MILLER, JUNIOR
Shy, musical
Baseball Club, Band
Musician

ROBERT LEE MILLS
Dependable, musical
Glee Club
Singer

JOYCE SYLVIA MOORE
Skillful, friendly, cooperative
Student Council, Crown & Scepter, French Club, Band
Social Worker or Secretary

Seniors

WILLIE JAMES MOORE
Cooperative, friendly
Spanish Club, Literary Club
Mathematics Teacher

SHIRLEY LEE MORMAN
Shy, musical
Glee Club
Vocalist

ROBERT MOSELY
Loyal, honest and friendly
Varsity, Dance Group, Senior Usher
Physical Education Teacher

GLORIA MARIE MORRIS
Cooperative, ambitious, studious
Yearbook Staff, Student Council, Crown & Scepter Club, Glee Club, Senior Council
Elementary Teacher

CLARENCE ANTHONY NEARER
Musical, artistic, understanding
Band, Glee Club, Science and Chemistry Clubs
Commercial Artist

JOSEPH JACOB O'HANNON
Quiet, ambitious
Art Club
Professional Golfer

DOROTHY ANN PARKER
Friendly, cooperative, dependable
Student Council, Glee Club, Yearbook Staff, Senior Heights
Beautician

JOANNE KATHERINE PATTERSON
Talkative, witty
Crown & Scepter, Dramatic Club, Girls' Basketball
Registered Nurse

CLIFTON WILLIAM PORTER
Pleasant, polite, studious, neat
Band, Glee Club, French Club
Musician

JOSEPHINE PORTER
Candid and sincere
Crown & Scepter Club, Band, Student Council, SKYLIGHTER Staff, French Club
Graduate Nurse

MELBA LOUISE PROCTOR
Talkative
Dramatics Club, Spanish Club
Commercial Education Teacher

RUBY JEAN RAY
Artistic, quiet
Art Club
Nurse

1956

CARL REYNOLDS
Courteous, polite
Trade Club
Radio Operator

RICHARD ROBINSON, JUNIOR
Serious
Glee Club, Art Club, SKYLIGHTER and Yearbook Staff
Professional Painter

REBECCA HANNAH ROBINSON
Studious, friendly
Glee Club, Crown & Scepter, Senior Council, SKYLIGHTER and Yearbook Staff, Dramatics Club
Secretary

BARBARA ANN ROLAND
L *Quiet, modest* L
Art Club
Beautician

ERNESTINE ELAINE ROLAND
Ambitious, studious
Student Council, Glee Club, Band, Crown & Scepter, Senior Heights, French Club
Psychologist

BETTY LOU JEAN RUFF
Friendly, cooperative, quiet
N. H. A., Commercial Club, Dramatics Club
Beautician

NORMA SCOTT
Courteous, cooperative
Commercial Club, Dance Group
Nurse

LEROY FRANKLIN SHEPHERD
Quiet, shy
Camera Club
Interior Decorator

DORIS SILVERS
Quiet, honest
Literary Club, Y-Teen
Physical Therapist

DESSIARAY SMITH
Pleasant personality, talkative
Senior Heights
Elementary Teacher

HENRY JAMES SMITH
Quiet, courteous
Varsity Club
Professional Basketball Player

JESSIE NELL SMITH
Friendly, talkative
Camera Club
Practical Nurse

Seniors

MADGE MARGARETTA SMITH
Dependable, courteous, quiet, shy, musical
French Club, Band, Student Council, Yearbook Staff ,Commercial Club, Crown & Scepter
Junior High School Teacher

MORRIS STANLEY STREETER
Honest, reliable, talkative
Glee Club
Technician

WILBUR EUGENE STREETER
Quiet, shy
Dramatics Club, Camera Club
Mechanical Engineer

DOROTHY LOUISE TAYLOR
Courteous, friendly
Secretary

DOUGLAS THOMPSON
Athletic
Varsity Club
Professional Football Player

SHIRLEY MAE THOMPSON
Friendly, cooperative, ambitious
Crown & Scepter Club, Dance Group
Secretary.

EMORY THORPE
Quiet and understanding
Glee Club
Service Career

ANNIE LUCINDA VINSON
Studious, dependable, cooperative
Student Council, Crown & Scepter, French Club, Family Life Council, Senior Heights, Glee Club
Medical Secretary

JOHNNY DEVOE WARDLAW
Athletic, friendly
Varsity Club, Senior Heights
Professional Basketball

ANNE BELLE WATKINS
Talkative, friendly
Student Council, Glee Club, Dance Group
Secretary

FURMAN WATKINS
Talkative, friendly, popular
Senior Heights
Armed Forces

MARY JEAN WATKINS
Talkative, friendly, intelligent
Student Council, Crown & Scepter, French Club, Glee Club, Senior Heights

1956

HERBERT JAMES WATTS, JUNIOR
Well-liked, athletic
Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, Senior Heights
Professional football

FLORENCE BERNICE WELLS
Quiet, friendly, courteous
Nurse

JEROME WHITE
Pleasant, polite
Trade Club
Armed Forces

FOSTER WILLIAMS
Quiet, musical, pleasant
Band
Musician

FRANK JEROME WILLIAMS
Quiet, polite, pleasant
Camera Club, Varsity Club
Armed Services

LOUIS TOMMY WILLIAMS
Quiet, easy-going
Spanish Club, Y. M. C. A., Band
Armed Services

JAMES CURRY WILSON
Attentive, friendly
Camera Club, Art Club, Dramatic Club
Navy Career

MARY CORDELIA WILSON
Friendly, energetic, witty
Crown & Scepter, Yearbook Staff, Girls' Basketball Team
Pediatrician

THOMAS ALFONZO WISE
Musical, talkative
Glee Club
Vocalist

OPHELIA ELIZABETH WOODSIDE
Polite, pleasant, friendly
Crown & Scepter, Yearbook Staff, SKYLIGHTER Staff, Basketball Team, Senior Heights Secretary

CHARLES JAMES WRIGHT
Quiet, friendly, intelligent, studious, ambitious
Senior Heights
Doctor of Dentistry

PAUL EDWARD WRIGHT
Athletic
Art Club
United States Air Force

Seniors

CHARLES EDWARD YOUNG
Friendly, polite
Baseball, Varsity Club, Art Club
Professional Baseball Player

CHARLES LEMONT YOUNG
Friendly, polite, pleasant
Camera Club
Physical Education Teacher

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JOE LEWIS
Friendly
Audio-visual Club, Glee Club, Camera Club, Art Club
Mechanic

MARY FRANCES PERTILLER
Quiet, shy
Art Club
Nurse

CHARLES MARVIN SCOTT
Musical, dramatic
Dramatics, Glee Club, SKYLIGHTER Staff
Vocalist

BETTY WILLIAMS
Moody, talkative, dramatic
French Club, Dramatic Club
Social Worker

A New

The fall of 1955 found seniors, as well as underclassmen, anxious to return to school, and eager to see the interior of the building which had been undergoing extensive repairs during the summer months.

Students found workmen in last stages of painting, repairing, and redecorating the building, a "new" building, one that would strike a note of pride in the heart of each member of the "Stephens-Lee family".

Registration moved smoothly; never in the history of the school had the registration lines moved more quickly; never before had enrollment cards, schedule cards, and class cards been completed, signed, and filed in such rapid order by the administration staff and the seniors chosen to help with registration.

Year Begins

From the various elementary schools in the city, Buncombe County and the adjoining counties, both public and private, these students had come to venture forth into the unknown, and to make of it what they could.

By city school buses, by familiar yellow county buses, by private cars, and on foot they wended their way to the "Castle on the Hill". For many reasons the students had enrolled at Stephens-Lee. What were these reasons? It was the hope of the administration that most of them were there for the purpose of preparing themselves to become productive and contributing members in a increasingly difficult and rapidly changing social order.

A new year had begun at Stephens-Lee.

JUNIORS

Anderson, Ruth
Aikens, Dorothy
Anderson, Henry
Baird, Claretta
Barton, Gwendolyn
Barton, Mary

Black, James
Bowman,, Charles
Brandon, Lewis
Brannon, Wilhelmina
Briggs, Betty
Brooks, Betty

Brown, James
Brown, Rachelle
Brown, Shuford
Burns, Bennie
Carson, Annie
Chandler, Charles

Chapman, Louis
Clayton, Andrew
Collington, Donald
Copney, James
Copney, Julia
Cuningham, Gladys

Cunningham, Glenna
Davis, George
Davis, Hedy
Dawkins, Henry
Dean, Julian
Dixon, Benjamin

Dixon, Daniel
Douglas, Roland
Durant, Virginia
Ervin, Violetha
English, Annabel
Ferguson, Alvin

Flint, Earl
Freeman, Cleveland
Freeman, Herman
Fullwood, Annie
Gilmore, Joyce
Goodman, Alfred

Grant, Mary
Green, Shirley
Gudger, Doris
Hadden, James
Hammonds, Geraldine
Hannon, Judy

JUNIORS

Hankerson, Mary
Harrison, Samuel
Heard, Genevieve
Henderson, Louise
Hill, Henry
Hudson, Hattie

Irby, Theodore
Jones, Phyllis
Johnson, Elease
Johnson, Shirley
Kennedy, James
Leslie, Mary Louise

Lofton, Kenneth
Lowry, Marian
Long, Leroy
Lynch, Gladys
Lynch, Winfred
Lytle, Kenneth

Lyons, Grady
Mauldin, Annie Ruth
Mayes, Herchell
Mills, Irene
Mills, Shirley
Moore, Cecil

Moore, Clarence
Moore, Mary
Morman, Robert
Mosley, Charles
Neal, Violet
Owens, Frank

Owens, Leroy
Owens, Alphonso
Owens, Alice Mae
Payne, Jo Anne
Payton, Charles
Penland, Vernon

Peterson, Harvey
Proctor, Joseph
Pulley, Willie
Randolph, Carl
Ray, Annie
Ray, Georgia

Ray, Joan
Ray, Levonia
Roddy, Georganne
Roland, Sarah
Rollinson, Phillip
Ruff, Harold

JUNIORS

Sibert, Archie
Simmons, Arthur
Sherrill, Paul
Shumante, Darnell
Smith, Mozelle
Smith, Walter

Sullivan, Annie
Stokely, James
Summey, Mary
Taylor, Jacob
Thompson, Lottie
Thompkins, Ophelia

Thorpe, William
Tribble, Willie
Ware, Alma
Watts, Nellie
Way, Harold
Whitmire, Joann

Wiley, Fred
Williams, Clinton
Williams, Marcell
Wilson, Charles
Williams, Mildred
Wilson, Julia

Wilson, Lorraine
Young, Charles

Seated, left to right: Rochelle Brown, Mary Summey, Gladys Lynch.
Standing, left to right: James Black, Henry Hill.

SOPHOMORES

Adell, Hattie
Alexander, Danny
Anderson, Carolyn
Anderson, Nora
Banks, Roberta
Barnard, France

Barton, Fred
Barton, Samuel
Bellamy, Richard
Bolden, Barbara
Bonds, John
Boston, Maso

Bowditch, Ilka
Bradley, Irene
Brandon, Donald
Brewton, Bobbie
Bugg, Louise
Brown, Shuford

Burgess, Romona
Burton, Leevonne
Carson, Stella
Carter, Robert
Castion, Ulysses
Chandler, Joe

Cohen, Willie
Coleman, Marjorie
Coleman, Wilmarie
Cornish, Jerome
Copney, Lucy
Curry, Benjamin

Davidson, Rudolph
Davidson, Luther
Dill, Adelaide
Doster, Louise
Feimster, Joe
Few, Alvin

Finley, Ernestine
Fuller, Phillip
Funderburk, Eleanor
Gaines, Alfred
Gash, Melvin
Geter, Albert

Gilchrist, Mary
Glover, Raphael
Goudlock, Jane
Goodman, Freddie
Graves, Patricia
Gudger, Ruby

SOPHOMORES

Hammonds, John
Hanks, Hugh
Hanks, Woody
Harbison, Earl
Harper, Julia
James, Leroy

Johnson, Julius
Johnson, Sallie
Jones, Willie
King, James
Lester, Vernice
Leverette, Richard

Lewis, Lula
Lindsay, Robert
Logan, Marilyn
Lytle, Darletha
McAdams, Bailus
McAdams, Earl

McCracken, James
Martin, James C.
Martin, Nathaniel
Miller, Herbert
Miller, Julius
Moore, Robert

Morris, Donald
Mucklevene, Jerry
Nash, Willie
Nelson, Barbara
Newble, Ineta
Norrington, Dollie

Norris, Betty
O'Hannon, Ora Belle
Payton, Louise
Pearcy, Alphonso
Penland, Eugene
Pinner, Emma

Plaire, Lauretta
Poore, Thomas
Porter, Herbert
Procter, Yvonne
Ray, Alonzo
Roberts, Ray

Roberts, Wanda
Robinson, Daniel
Robinson, Robert
Rosemond, Ansel
Ruff, Robert
Saylor, James

SOPHOMORES

Scott, Johnnie Mae
Sibert, Frank
Smith, Billy
Smith. Fred
Smith, Mildred
Stepp, Finley

Stokely, Athelston
Sullivan, William
Tatum, Mary Alice
Thomas, Jean
Thompson, Harold
Thompson, Talvern

Tinch, Donell
Tucker, Charlie
Turman, Frances
Turman, John
Vinson, Lucille
Waddell, Eddie

Walls, Ethel
Western, James
White, Betty
White, Gladys
Whiteside, David
Whitmire, Johnny

Whittington, Albert
Williams, Charles
Wilson, Larry
Wilson, Walter
Wise, Kenneth
Worthy, Ralph

Young, Barbara
Young, Charles William

FRESHMEN

Allen, Bernice
Alexander, Barbara
Cunningham, Ruth
Crawford, James
Copeland, Louise
Copeland, Emily

Conley, Earl
Coleman, Zonnie
Cohen, Mary Alice
Cohen, Carolyn
Clinkscales, Reather
Chambers, Virgie

Chandler, Esther
Cave, McKinley
Barnard, Betty
Barton, Marcus
Baten, Sylvester
Beeks, Jerome

Beeks, Jevan
Bellamy, Steve
Bethea, Joseph
Bishop, Rosebud
Blakely, Barbara
Boyden, Maxine

Brooks, Dorothy
Brewer, Kezia
Brown, Barbara
Brown, Dorothy
Brown, Martha
Brown, Mary

Brown, Patricia
Brown, Robert
Burnside, Ella Rutl
Burton, Katherine
Barksdale, Doris
Davidson, Carolyn

Deckson, John
Dorsey, Charles
Douglas, Thomas
Edwards, Boyce
Evans, Johnny
Ferguson, Daniel

Ferguson, Robert
Floyd, Barbara
Foster, Mary
Freeland, James
Fullwood, Harlow
Galloway, Elizabeth

Gilchrist, Walter
Gilliam, Colbie
Gossett, Bessie
Graham, Ella
Grant, Wesley
Gray, John

FRESHMEN

Hallum, Lee Otis
Hamilton, Joan
Hankerson, Marlene
Harrison, Charles
Harrison, Elizabeth
Haynes, Curtis

Heller, Annie
Henson, Mary
Houpe, Omelia
Hymes, Ruth
Jackson, Jo Allice
Jackson, Wayman

James, Alonzo
Jeter, Barbara
Jeter, James
Jeter, Wallace
Johnson, Curtis
Johnson Gladys

Johnson, Sarah
Jones, Charles
Jones, James
Jones, John
Jones, Mary Ann
Kelly, Terry Lee

Kennedy, Franklin
Kennedy, Mildred
Kilpatrick, Calvin
King, Martha
Knight, Barbara
Lindsay Willie Arthur

Lytle, George
Lynch, Geneva
Lyles, John
Lloyd, Charles
Mack, Barbara
Martin, James

Martin, Gilbert
McCoy, Dorothy
Mills, Brenda
Mills, Eulastine
Mills, Jenell
Morrow, Marvata

Moseley, Melva
Mosely, Sarah
Nabors, Ronnie
Norrington, Walter
Owens, Joanne
Paige, Patricia

Parks, Dorothy
Payne, Daniel
Penland, Glenn
Pertiller, Myra
Peterson, Ross
Pinkard, Gayle

FRESHMEN

Porter, Billy
Porter, Carolyn
Ray, Shirley
Renwick, James
Rhymes, Rosa
Robinson, Jimmy

Robinson, Rachel
Rutherford, Lois
Rutherford, Louis
Silvers, Gloria
Sloan, Bertha
Shumate, Betty

Smith, Alphonso
Smith, Levon
Smith, Mary Ann
Smith, Sadie
Smith, Shirley
Smith, Vivian

Staley, Joyce
Stamey, Martha
Stokely, Fred
Sullivan, Delores
Surratt, Matthew
Sweeney, Harold

Teamer, John
Thomas, Gloria
Thomas, Nancy
Thompson, Earle
Thompson, Maxine
Thompson, Rosanne

Tollison, Matthew
Tucker, Willie Mary
Tutt, Jessie
Way, Joyce
Underwood, Ralph
Waddell, Portia

Waters, Clyde
Weston, Nancy
Weston, Troy
Whittington, Leona
Williams, Broadus
Williams, Carl

Williams, Charles
Williams, Ulysses
Woods, John
Wright, Esther
Wright, James
Young, Barbara

Young, Shirley

We Participate

These seniors in Mrs. Carolina's English class find Eighteenth Century poets and poetry interesting.

Curriculum Geared to

Miss Chappelle and Mr. Toliver spend one hour daily with students in special class.

Students in Mrs. Elizabeth Bolden's typing classes strive diligently to write the required 60 words per minute.

Educational experiences at Stephens-Lee are centered around a "core" program, in which much emphasis is placed on a flexible school program geared to meet the individual needs, both social and personal, of its pupils.

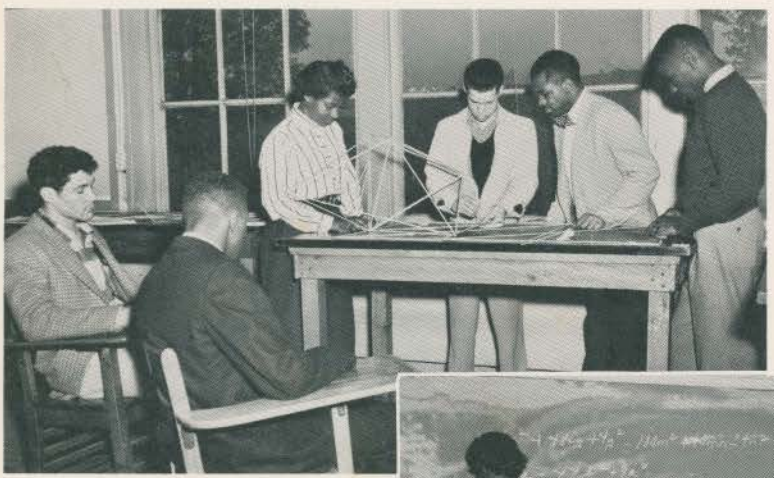
Meet Pupils' Needs

Spanish songs and dances in which all participate are a part of the regular classroom work in this language course. Mrs. Lillie Lewis is the instructor.

Art students always rejoice when they bring to a close a successful project. Masks made by these students, under the guidance of Mr. W. Lewis, added greatly to the gaity and merriment of those attending the Mardi Gras.

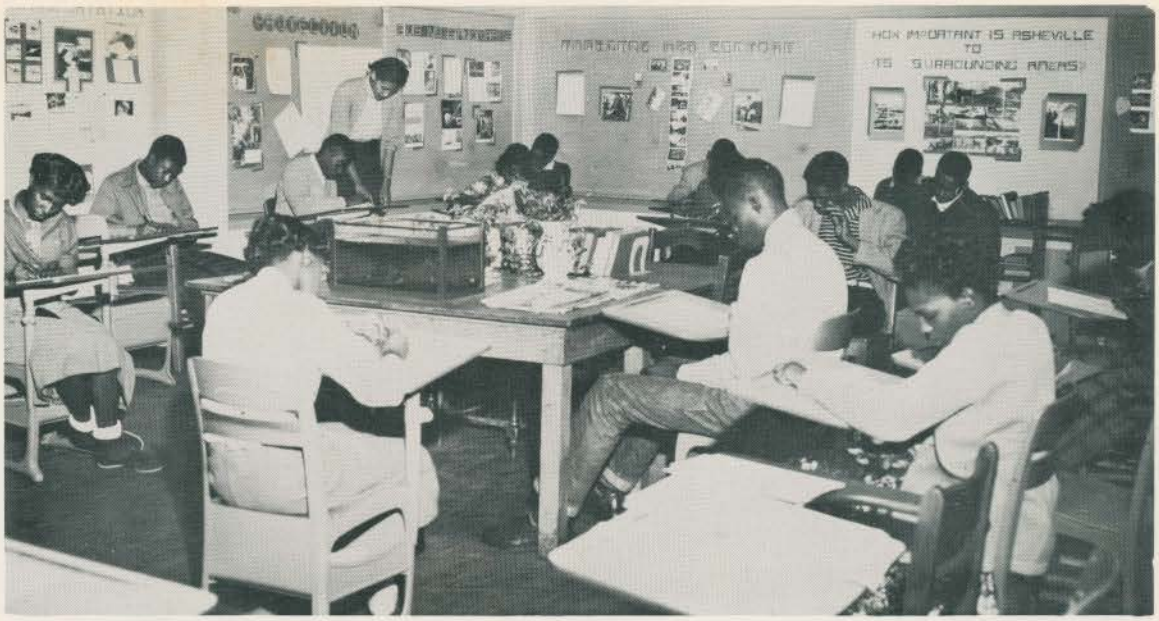
Courses within the "core" program and those outside the program are designed to develop socially mature students who will become productive citizens in a democratic society.
Mr. E. L. Fair checks students on basic skills necessary for good class work.

Curriculum Designed to Develop



Mr. Reese Massey checks work on Science Fair project being assembled by Marcia Gardenhight, Larry Wilson and Jacob O'Hannon.

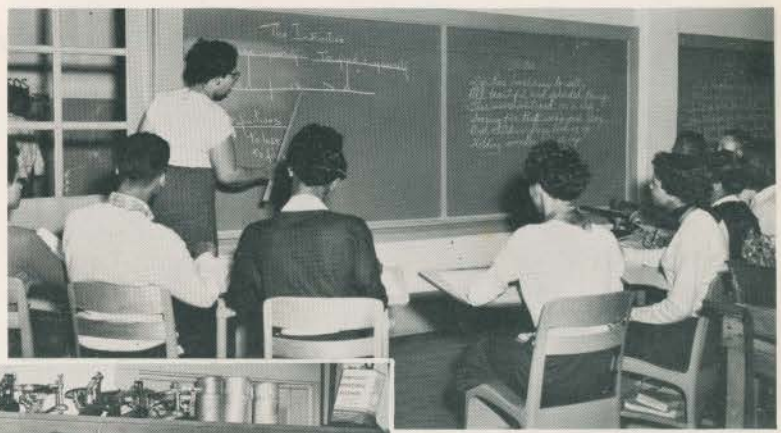
This problem in algebra holds the attention of every student as Mr. Fair looks on to catch the first error.



Students find courses in mathematics, science, languages, speech, music, art, home economics, commercial education, occupational guidance, trades education, physical education, dramatics and creative dance interesting and, in most instances, exciting.

"How Important Is Asheville to Its Surrounding Areas" requires much research on the part of Mrs. Lucille Burton's core class.

Socially Mature Students



Mrs. A. P. Toliver illustrates sentence diagramming with special emphasis on the use of infinitives.

Mr. Reese Massey inspects students' experiment on distillation of water.

Students check their voices and diction by recording on wire or tape. They then make an analysis of speech errors for the purpose of correcting such errors.

Curriculum Includes

The New Homemakers of America Club is an important part of the regular classroom work in vocational home economics. Students who qualify are elected annually to membership in this club.

Classes in family living help to interest pupils in joining clubs such as the Y-Teen organization, an affiliate of the Y.W.C.A.

Whether it is putting in a window pane or buildin g a house, the students in the vocational trades education classes are able to acquit themselves well.

Vocational Courses

Mrs. F. S. Burton inspects table setting used for a student luncheon.

Miss G. Kennedy, school secretary, is relieved of many of her secretarial duties by students taking Office Practice I as part of their commercial training. Student workers are Jeanette Chapman and Rosa Littlejohn.

These People Are Indispensable in the Total Program of The School

We Work Together

Seated, left to right: Gloria Morris, Harold Way, Dorothy Gains, Mrs. R. Carolina, adviser; Shirley Johnson, Elaine Roland, Henry Dawkins, Alphonzo Owens, Hilbert Byers, Harlow Fullwood, Joyce Gilmore, Robert Robinson, John Glover, Kezia Brewer, Joan Greenleaf, Madge Smith, Willie Jones, Phyllis Jones, Bertha Sloan, Benjamin Henderson.
Standing, left to right: Patricia Grier, Roland Hagan, Mayor; Mr. J. A. Dusenbury, adviser.

Student Council Members "Learn by Doing"

The Student Council serves as good citizenship training within the school; it acts as a clearing house for all opinions and ideas touching on matters of general welfare. Thus the Student Council is good practice for the democratic process. In the Council students, advisers, and faculty members work together harmoniously.

For community welfare the Student Council carried on the following projects: they sent baskets to needy families in the community at Thanksgiving; and, working in cooperation with the P. T. A., they sent gifts to the Western North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Christmas.

An outstanding school citizenship project this year grew out of a panel discussion in assembly dealing with courtesy on buses, at bus changes, and in the downtown stores, a problem caused by the congestion on the afternoon buses at dismissal time.

Small discussion groups worked on the problem in homerooms, out of which grew recommendation for a Student Council committee whose duty it was to observe the trouble areas, to report observations to the school, and to make final recommendations.

The Student Councils trip to Washington, D. C. serves as a reward for their earnest and successful efforts in governing the student body.

Student Council Officers, seated, left to right: Mr. J. A. Dusenbury, Adviser, Elaine Roland, Shirley Johnson, Roland Hagan, Mayor, Hilbert Byers, Henry Dawkins, Alphonso Owens.

School Organizations Develop Leadership

Organizations of the school allow students to develop more freely along the lines of their interests without pressure. In such organizations, teachers or advisers can learn about individual capabilities. During club meetings students are in a more relaxed situation and many hidden talents are uncovered.

Clubs also foster better school spirit causing students to feel more deeply about the school; pride in the activity often leads to pride in the school. Many social graces are indirectly taught and learned through activities and meetings.

Students learn to work with groups of their own choosing, a skill so essential in a democracy.

Let us venture on in the book and see the clubs in operation.

The Library Opens New Avenues of Learning

No modern high school is complete without a well-equipped library. Quite fitting is the statement, "The library is the heart of the school."

The library proper at Stephens-Lee contains over four thousand catalogued volumes and an additional three thousand in the core and special subject libraries found in the classrooms. Sixty-eight magazines and periodicals and six daily newspapers are read by the student body.

Eighty-six students are enrolled in library service classes under Mr. Lonnie Burton, full-time librarian. Selected students from the group compose the student librarian corps. Their duties include charging and shelving books, magazines, and newspapers; putting up bulletin board displays; assisting with reference work; keeping the library neat and clean in appearance; maintaining and enlarging the vertical file; and assisting with clerical work.

The work of these students is indispensable in the total school program.

Director — Mary Howard; Instructor-Accompanist — Ollie McCool Reynolds.

First row, l. to r.: Shirley Morman, Marjorie Coleman, Elaine Roland, Carolyn Durant, Dorothy Parker, Annie Vinson, Gloria Morris, Mary Summey, Mary Barton, Stella Carson.

Second row, l. to r.: Carolyn Anderson, Louise Henderson Shirley Clemmons, Rebecca Robinson, Mary Watkins, Jeanette Chapman, Burnette Freeman, Dorothy Gaines, Dolores Finley, Inita Newble, Laura Etta Plaire, Annie Ruth Mauldin, Mary Tatum.

Third row, l. to r.: Joe Lewis, Joe Feimster, Billy Smith, William English, Alonzo Ray, James Stokely, Albert Geter, Charles Scott, Charles Mosely, Andrew Clayton, Roland Hagan, Robert Mills,

Thomas Wise, Ansel Rosemond, Alvin Few, Daniel Alexander, Daniel Robinson, John Hammonds.
Fourth row, l. to r.: Clifton Porter, Morris Streeter, Daniel Dixon, Harold Ruff, Leonard Dobbs, Samuel Barton, James Weston, Clarence Nearer, Hilbert Byers, Willie Jones, Eugene Penland, Levonia Ray, Julian Dean, Richard Robinson, Robert Mosely, Calvin Morton.

"Music, When Soft Voices Die, Vibrates in The Memory"

"When Thou comest, when Thou comest
to the judgment,
Lord, remember Thou Thy servants, O,
remember Thou Thy servants,
None else can deliver us."

These words fell beautifully and clearly from the throats of the 70 voiced Glee Club of the school when they appeared in annual concert in January.

This was just one of the numbers chosen by Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, music director, to form her program of sacred and secular numbers for the occasion. They dated from the chants of the Christian church through Palestrina, Bach, and Handel. Beautiful spirituals were sung also.

Although this event is by far the most spectacular of their performances during the year, the Glee Club members serve the school and community well from September to May.

From the music room on the first floor, golden notes float upward and outward each school day to warm the hearts of students and faculty alike. Whether these golden notes come from the Glee Club, the small or the large ensemble, all who hear them know that they are the result of hours of preparation in vocal training, ear training, note reading, music training, and music appreciation under the direction of their director.

The Band Serves the

From the first football game of the season, to the last strains of the "Triumphal March" from *Aida* at commencement, the band performs tirelessly and well.

There is never a dull moment where the band is concerned, because there is always an engagement just ahead. Even during the summer months, band students can be seen hurrying to band practice in order to make the band "tops" the next school term.

When school opens, they are well on the way to a very successful football season. From that moment they train endlessly, marching to and fro to Memorial Stadium and then drilling until their next show is flawless. When football season is over, Christmas is in sight.

With Christmas comes the anticipation of the Christmas Concert that the band loves to give for the student body, also for the band's

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participation in the Christmas parade, always a major attraction.

The next event of importance on the band's agenda is the clinic which is held annually in Newton, North Carolina. Those who go come back with the desire to get ready for the festival that is held in April. The band members are always ready for this occasion, as they have been practicing for it since the middle of the past summer.

Then, best of all, comes the concert season. All band members look forward to this. They give concerts for many schools in and out of town; although they say there is nothing like the concert that they give in their own school.

Thus the season ends with the notes of commencement marches floating through the air, but there is always another wonderful season for them just ahead.

"At The Feet of The Madonna"

The S. L. Playmakers and

"Seeds of Suspicion"

"I don't have to *act* Carmen; I *am* Carmen. The music seems to drug my senses like a wine. I live and breathe her tragic story . . . I understand her every word."

These electric words coming from Doris Duncan, in the role of Zita Fernandez, caught the audience unaware on the night of March 26, when the Playmakers presented "The Gypsy," one of three one-act plays. From that moment the audience lived and breathed Carmen's story. Ably supported by a cast composed of Roland Hagan as Paolo Polini, Iva Gragg as Nora, and Willie Moore as the stage hand, these four brought the play to its swift and tragic resolution.

"The Plum Tree," and "Seeds of Suspicion" completed the full evening of entertainment.*

"The Gypsy"

Spotlighters Thrill Theatregoers

"The Plum Tree"

But a major production does not give the complete story of the work of students in the speech and dramatics department. Whether presiding over large or small groups, participating in a skit, creating one, appearing on panel discussions, radio and T.V., working with lighting, or handling the stage curtains, these students render efficient service to the school.

* *In the cast of "The Plum Tree" were Iva Gragg, Judy Hannon, Shirley Green, Dorothy McCoy, Wilhelmina Brannon, Violetha Ervin, and Gloria Silvers. Appearing in "Seeds of Suspicion" were Roland Hagan, Patricia Grier, Delores Finley, Iva Gragg, Dorothy Gains, William Clarke, and Kenneth Dillard.*

Front row, left to right: Joyce Moore, Dessiaray Smith, Douglas Thompson, Annie Vinson. Second row, left to right: Dorothy Parker, Herbert Watts, Ophelia Woodside. Third row, left to right: Mary Watkins, Hilbert Byers, William Clark.

Standing left to right: Daisy Ingram, Gloria Morris, Kathleen Dixon, Louis Baird, Carolyn Durant, Mary Watkins, Eugene Hunter, Wilbur Lytle, Benjamin Henderson, Robert Mosely, Johnny Wardlaw, Maxine Holloway, Johnnie Crouch.

The Senior Heights Club Serves the School

The Senior Heights Club, composed of seniors, supports all worthwhile efforts of the school. Deeply loyal, these club members exert a wholesome influence on lower classmen.

Front row, left to right: Maxine Holloway, Joyce Moore, Elaine Roland, Mary Watkins, Dorothy Parker.

Second row, left to right: Mary Jean Watkins, Carolyn Durant, Kathleen Dixon Mary Green.

Third row, left to right: Hilbert Byers, Benjamin Henderson, Theodore Linton, William Clarke.

Thanksgiving Offering

Kneeling, left to right: Patricia Grier, Mary Watkins, Elaine Roland, Annie Vinson, Dorothy Parker.

Standing, left to right: Henry Dawkins, William Clark, Charles Payton, Theodore Linton, Hilbert Byers, Roland Hagan, John Glover, Emil Martin, Benjamin Henderson.

The Clubs Fill a Need in the School Program

Crown and Scepter

Membership in Crown & Scepter is a coveted honor, for the club is composed of those students who have maintained a 'B' average for their freshman and sophomore years and who also possess qualities of leadership. It is the state honorary society for high school students. Mrs. R. C. Carolina is adviser.

French Club

Le Cercle Francais interests all students who elect French. In this club students get practice in the use of the language and learn more about the culture of the French people. Mr. A. J. Dusenbury serves as adviser.

Literary Club

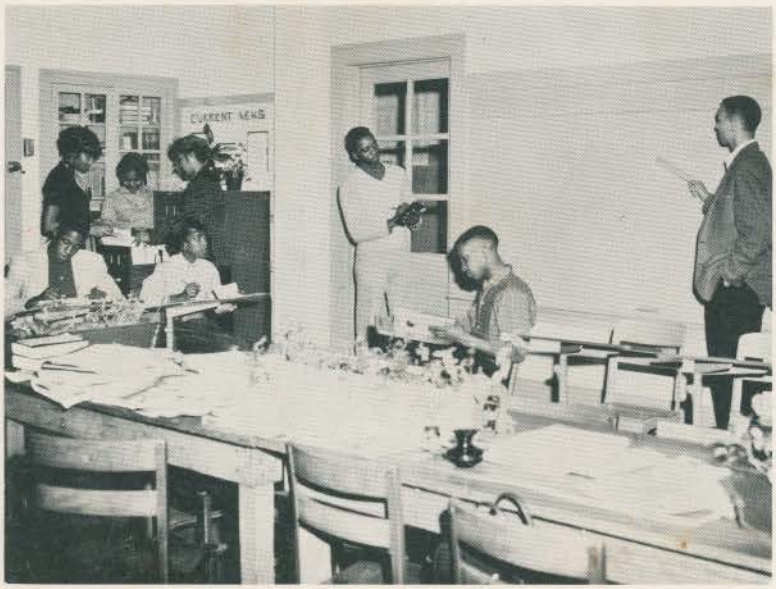
The Literary Club seeks to acquaint students with the lives and works of outstanding figures in literature and, at times, to share this knowledge with others outside the club.

Clockwise: Gloria Morris, Kenneth Dillard, Dorothy Parker, John Glover, William Clark, Robert Johnson, Doris Duncan, Emil Martin, Rebecca Robinson, Samuel Maxwell, Mary Howard.
Standing, left to right: Theodore Linton, Benjamin Henderson, Hilbert Byers, Roland Hagan, Jack McAdams.

The Staff writes "30" to The 1956 Bear

Searching for the right word, making layout, finding that misplaced picture, listening to complaints, wondering about ads, checking with the photographers, rechecking with the printers, begging for 100% cooperation from everyone . . . all this and much more has gone into publishing *The 1956 Bear.*

It is the earnest hope of the staff that this book, something different and something new, will meet the expectations of the Class of '56 and of the entire school.



Seated, left to right: Benjamin Henderson, Patricia Grier, Jack McAdams.

Standing, left to right: Patricia Barnard, Mary Howard, Mrs. R. C. Carolina, Theodore Linton, Emil Martin.

Seated, left to right: Josephine Porter, Emil Martin, Charles Bratton, Ophelia Woodside, Patricia Grier, Shirley Clemmons, Editor, Mary Howard, Roland Hagan, Jack McAdams, Iva Gragg.
Standing, left to right: Charles Scott, Rebecca Robinson, Janette Chapman, Theodore Linton, George Davis, Alfred Gains, Jane Gaudlock, Willie Nash, Richard Robinson, Wanda Roberts.

There is Drama in Publishing a Newspaper

There's a bit of drama in the publication of a monthly school newspaper as these staff members will readily agree. Staff meetings must be held, advertising space must be sold, newspapers must be circulated within a short space of time, articles of all types must be written, often *deciphered* and corrected. Finally galley proofs must be read, the dummy made up, page galley proofs read, papers sold, and money collected and accounted. Then it is all over until next month.

The Skylighter staff has endeavored to keep the student body and the faculty informed on all current happenings here at the school during the school year. In this way it fulfills one of its main purposes as "The Voice of Stephens-Lee."

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Special observances of all types fill the date book of students from September to June. Fire Prevention Week, Homecoming, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Book Week, Pan Ameri

Boards Tell of Activities

can Day, Brotherhood Week, Easter, Commencement . . . all these and many more such observances tell an interesting story of student participation.

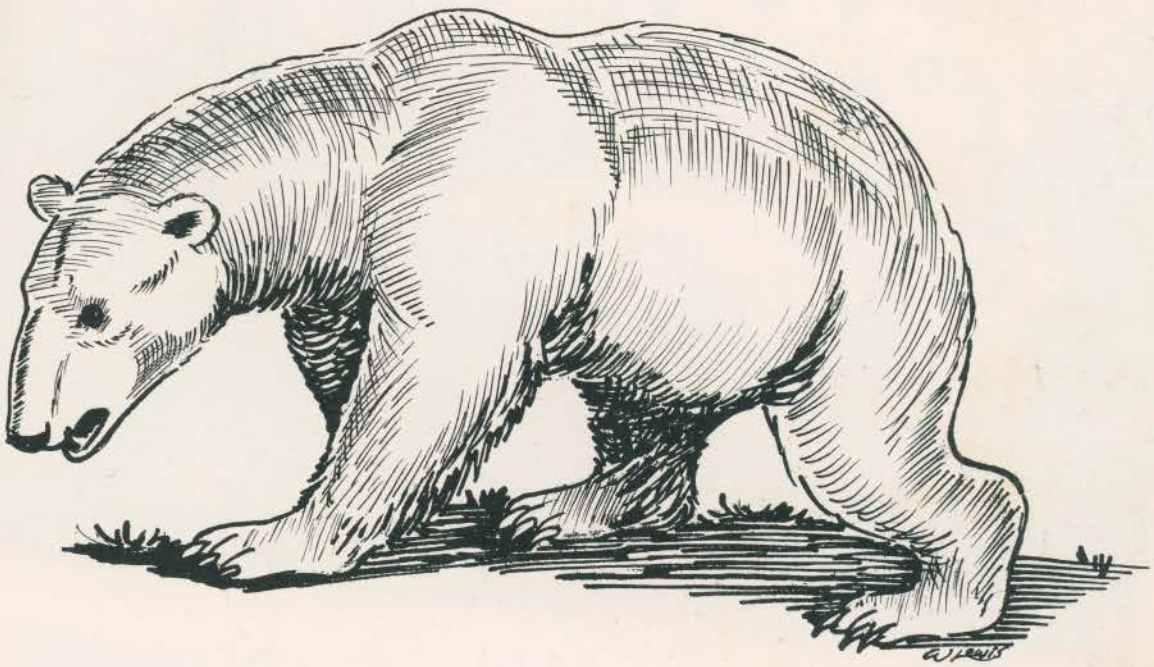
Parties, Formals, Homecoming Highlight The Year's Social Events

Each year the students at Stephens-Lee look forward to certain social events, highlights of the year, with a high degree of anticipation. Rain, snow, sleet, or sunshine, the Christmas Formal, Cotton Ball, Junior-Senior Prom, Varsity Dance, and Mardi Gras are gala events, full of excitement for all.

For these affairs the students dress very uniquely and are on their best behavior. For all formal dances, the evening dresses of the girls are very colorful in pastels of net, taffeta, and lace; the boys are gallant in dark suits, white shirts, and black bow ties.

For the Cotton Ball, beautiful cotton frocks are worn. At the Mardi Gras, held during the Lenten season, girls wear many gay dresses in fashionable styles.

These are nights of gaiety, music, and romance for all. Such events are necessary to help students develop socially.



We Compete

Sports Change With The Seasons

Football, basketball, baseball—these three are the major sports played at Stephens-Lee. Each sport in its season and each supported enthusiastically by a loyal student body helps to keep the school spirit high throughout the year.

From the first balmy nights of September, through the bitter cold and ice of basketball season, to the first breath of spring, the Stephens-Lee Bears and Bearettes, wearing the maroon and grey of their school, strive by their sportsmanship, discipline, and skill to bring honor and glory to Stephens-Lee.

CAPTAIN AND CO-CAPTAIN
Left to right: Wilbur Lytle, Douglas Thompson

Membership in the Varsity Club is one of the driving forces behind each boy who participates in a major sport at Stephens-Lee. A player becomes eligible for such membership when he has won a letter in a major sport: football, basketball, baseball.

But this is not all, for the players must also pass successfully through the one-week probation period, which always brings bubbles of laughter to the lips of the onlookers.

Proudly do the Varsity boys wear the maroon and gray S. L. H. emblem, for they feel that they have earned them through their services to the school.

Leadership in the Varsity Club is in the hands of Wilbur Lytle, President, Ben Henderson, Vice-President, Robert Moore, Treasurer, Douglas Thompson, Chairman of Initiation.

Varsity sponsors are Coaches C. L. Moore and R. Washington, who have built up a fine ésprit de corps among the members.

1955-56 Football Record

Stephens-Lee	57	Augusta, Ga.	0
Stephens-Lee	6	West Charlotte	6
Stephens-Lee	55	Concord	0
Stephens-Lee	12	Winston-Salem	21
Stephens-Lee	12	Greenville, S. C.	9
Stephens-Lee	34	Columbia, S. C.	0
	WON—6		LOST—2

The Stephen Lee Bears

Kneeling, left to right: Theodore Irby, Shuford Brown, Earl Flint, Joe Chandler, Harry Jones, Daniel Dixon, Robert Mosely, Charles Williams, Phillip Fuller, Henry Smith, Trainer.

Second row, left to right: Roddy Moore, trainer, Andrew Clayton, Charles Brown, John Turman, Richard Robinson, Harlow Fullwood, Hugh Hanks, Leroy Long, Jacob Taylor, Fredrick Smith, Assistant Coach, Raymond Washington.

Third row, left to right: Clyde Burgin, Joe Boseman, Joe Feimster, James Black, Benjamin Henderson, Johnny Wardlaw, Douglas Thompson, Eugene Hunter, Wilbur Lytle, Herbert Watts, and Coach C. L. Moore.

The Varsity Club Rocognizes Athletic Prowess

Seated: Reading left to right: Douglas Thompson, Benjamin Henderson, Robert Mosely, Wilbur Lytle, William Clark, Charles Young, Johnnie Crouch, Preston Dorsey, Clyde Burgin, Eugene Hunter, Frank Williams, Herbert Watts.

Standing, left to right: Assistant Coach Raymond Washington, John Turman, James Black, Joe Boseman, Harlow Fullwood, Joe Feimster, Jacob Taylor, Hugh Hanks, Theodore Irby, Theodore Linton, Phillip Fuller, Coach C. L. Moore.

Second row: Harry Jones, Richard Robinson, Jimmy Mills, Shuford Brown, Earl Flint, Fredrick Smith, Charles Pickens, Charles Williams, Roddy Moore, Rudolph Davidson.

Reading left to right: Coach C. L. Moore, Theodore Linton, James Black, John Bonds, Joe Boseman, Earl Harbison, Joe Feimster, Benjamin Henderson, Herbert Watts, Theodore Irby, Shuford Brown.

Bears Win Runner-up in AAA Tournament

With a 6-0 AAA Conference record and a 17-3 season record, the Stephens-Lee Bears went into the Western District AAA basketball tournament at Gastonia as a favored team. They were forced, however, to settle for runner-up, being defeated by the Second Ward Tigers of Charlotte, twice downed during the season by the Bears.

The team, enthusiastically supported by a loyal student body, acquitted itself well throughout the season. Although all players did well, perhaps the most outstanding were Ben Henderson and Theodore Linton, high scorer and runner-up, respectively. These boys turned in stellar performances at each game and have earned a permanent niche in the memories of all who witnessed their performances.

The team will lose by graduation: Ben Henderson, Theodore Linton, Johnny Wardlaw and Herbert Watts.

Others on the team were: James Black, Shuford Brown, Theodore Irby and Joe Boseman.

To the team, Coach Moore, and each individual player the school pays high tribute.

Stephens-Lee	65	Greenville, S. C.	63
Stephens-Lee	50	Knoxville, Tenn.	60
Stephens-Lee	64	West Charlotte	60
Stephens-Lee	74	Charlotte (Sec. Ward)	56
Stephens-Lee	62	Spartanburg, S. C.	47
Stephens-Lee	82	Spartanburg, S. C.	59
Stephens-Lee	90	Union, S. C.	52
Stephens-Lee	59	Greenville, S. C.	49
Stephens-Lee	57	Johnson City, Tenn.	60
Stephens-Lee	69	Charlotte (Sec. Ward)	65
Stephens-Lee	47	Elizabethtown	66
Stephens-Lee	53	Burlington	49
Stephens-Lee	54	West Charlotte	46
Stephens-Lee	75	Johnson City, Tenn.	36
Stephens-Lee	66	Knoxville, Tenn.	54
Stephens-Lee	74	Concord	61
Stephens-Lee	69	New Bern	62
Stephens-Lee	72	Concord	46
Stephens-Lee	75	Union, S. C.	60
Stephens-Lee	63	Wadesboro	51

WON—17 LOST—3

Reading Clockwise: Daisy Ingram, Annie Fullwood, Ruth Hymes, Betty Shumate, Myra Pertiller, Ophelia Woodside, Captain, Marcia Gardenhight, Joan Patterson, Dorothy Brown, Marian Logan and Corrine Evans.

Standing: Coach Raymond Washington, Mary Gilchrist, Cleophia Hymes, Phyllis Jones, Joyce Gilmore, Cordelia Wilson, Delores Finley, Trainer.

Bearettes Hold 19-1 Record

Coach R. Washington's Bearettes dribbled, pivoted, and shot to a 19-1 record this season, losing only to Sterling High of Greenville, S. C. This was indeed an enviable record.

The breakdown on the 1956 record follows: The total number points scored by the Bearettes was 843 points, holding their opponents to 460 points; the Bearettes averaged 41.7 points per game against their opponents' 23.

Mary Gilchrist, sophomore forward, was the high scorer for the year with 336 points. Cordelia Wilson totaled 208 points. Phyllis Jones and Annie Fullwood followed with 193 points and 77 points, respectively.

Well-disciplined, well-trained, and hard-working the Stephens-Lee Bearettes endeared themselves in the hearts of all by their brilliant performances at all games.

The team will lose the following members by graduation: Ophelia Woodside, Cordelia Wilson, Joan Patterson, Mary Green, Daisy Ingram, Corrine Evans, and Marcia Gardenhight.

Bearettes Statistics

WON—19 LOST—1

TOTAL POINTS SCORED

Stephens-Lee 843: Opponents 460

AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME

Stephens-Lee 41.7; Opponents 23

TOTAL POINTS (Individual)

Gilchrist - 336, Wilson - 208, Jones - 193, Fullwood - 77

AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME (Individual)

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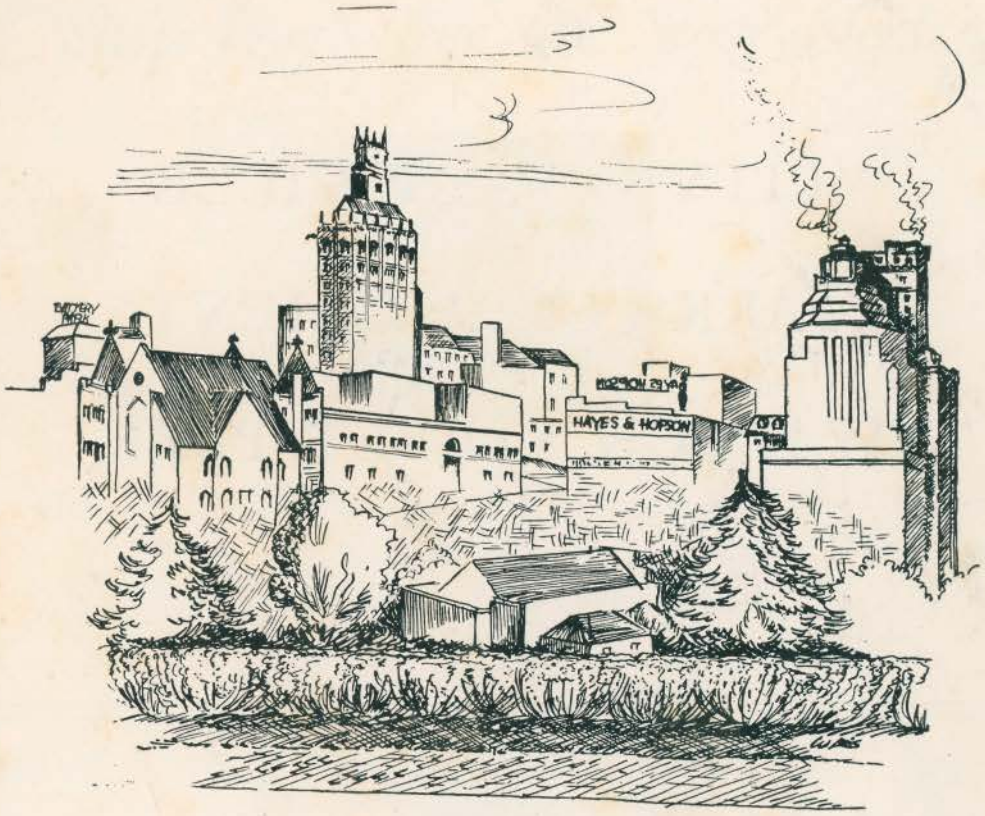

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